

Dec 2010



Happy Christmas from all of us at
Wellington Hockey Association



Situations Vacant

We have paid and volunteer vacancies coming up in 2011...

National Hockey League - Volunteers needed

As you hopefully are aware, Wellington Hockey Association is delighted to be hosting the **National Hockey League in 2011**. **All the Black Sticks will be competing here and don't forget our men's team will be defending their national title!** Games will be played from **Saturday 6 August** to **Sunday 14 August**. All volunteers will be given free entry to the hockey and will of course earn our undying gratitude and have a great time being involved with the event.

Vacancies will include ticket sales, maintaining scoreboards, general tournament administration, **hosting VIPs and many other duties still to be specified**. **You don't have to work all of the week** - even a couple of hours of your time will help. We will also be contacting our school hockey teams to see if they can undertake ball boy and ball girl duties throughout the week.

Summer League - Paid work

We are very keen to make our Summer 6-a-side competitions more of an event and therefore need some assistance with this. We need umpires for Elsdon, Fraser and the NHS and we also require someone at each venue to coordinate the competition (collect scores, liaise with teams etc).

Please contact Anne-Margaret using annemargaret@wellingtonhockey.org.nz or
04 389 3337 if you have some questions or wish to express interest in any of the above roles.

Dates for your diary:

- 17 - 19 January - Junior Summer Camp
- 25 - 27 January - Senior Summer Camp
- 24 January - Summer 6-a-side competitions start - registrations close 10 Jan
- 31 January - Elite Clinic starts
- 16 March - Wellington Hockey Association - Annual General Meeting (7pm start)
- 26 March P2 - R3 Open Grade Competition Starts
- 2 April - P1 Open Grade Competition Starts

Details for all these activities can be found online at www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz

Summer Camps Underway!

Sean Dancer's summer camps were kick-started last week with all players learning some great new skills over the 3 days. On day three players had a chance to test their newly-learned sprinting technique in a race against Black Sticks player, Stephen "Usain" Jenness (see right). Steve will try to tell you they had a head start! NB Steve's Jamaican running gear is the genuine article following his quality scavenging skills at the Commonwealth Games.

The Junior Camp started this week with Black Sticks coach, Mark Hager, joining us to share his knowledge - in particular Mark is renowned for his goal scoring ability however his success with the Black Sticks women since taking over have certainly proved what an outstanding coach he is! We are so lucky to have these great coaches all here in our region helping Wellington Hockey Association's young hockey players. If you do want to extend your skills in 2011, get involved!

Future Sticks 20 & 21 January

3-day Summer Camps Under 11 and Under 13, 17 - 19 Jan; Under 15 and Under 18, 25 - 27 Jan

Elite Clinic 6 week programme - 31 Jan - 11 March



The full 2010 / 2011 programme details and registration forms are available on the [WHA website](#).

6-a-side Summer Hockey - 2011

Thinking you might need something to get you ready for the 2011 winter hockey season? Then get involved in our 6-a-side summer competition. 6 weeks of competition finishing well in time for the winter season.

Starts 25 January running for 6 weeks

- Premier Men - Tuesday, NHS - experienced Premier Hockey Players only
- Premier Women - Tuesday, NHS - experienced Premier Hockey Players only
- Business Mixed - Monday, NHS
- Business Mixed - Wednesday, NHS
- Business Mixed - Monday, Fraser
- Business Mixed - Thursday, Fraser
- Business Mixed - Wednesday, Elsdon



Entries close 10 January

Go to the home page of the [WHA website](#) for details and an entry form.

Wellington Hockey Association Board Vacancy

Karen Wallace, WHA Deputy Chair, has announced she will retire from her role on the WHA Board following her extensive work with the previous WHA Executive Committee, the Transition Board and serving two years on the current WHA Board. As a result, we will be seeking nominations very early in 2011 for the WHA Board. Further details will be advertised online, and sent to all clubs and schools for their information.

NB there are 7 positions to be filled on the Board (with only 6 of those places currently filled, including Karen), therefore two appointments may be made as a result of this process.

Note from the Chief Executive

Just a quick note from me today (did I just hear you say “phew”? ☺). We have just finished the December holiday programmes this week - a great way to end the year! The feedback from the parents and players has as always, been incredibly positive and the coaches are definitely noticing how quickly the players are improving. Players get more than 16 hours of hockey during the season, all delivered in 3 days). This sustained period on the pitch means players get time to put their newly learned skills into practice. We hope all our young players understand what a great opportunity these camps are helping to develop new skills, update some old ones and meet lots of players from the same age group who share an interest in hockey. The zoo visit was also incredible for all involved in the Junior Camp and a great way to continue the team building that occurs during the camp. We must also mention how great it was to have players here from Marlborough, Manawatu and Wairarapa joining in the camps. Do get involved in the camps if you can - **I can assure you we aren't exaggerating the highly positive nature of this programme!** Happy holidays and festive wishes,
Anne-Margaret

Some great images from the 2010 season



Under 15b Girls enjoy their 3rd placing



Eleni giving hockey some style!



Future Sticks programme - January



Capital Under 21s - winners in 2010



Scott Falconer lifts the NHL Challenge Shield!



Wellington members of the NZ Masters Teams



The NHL boys share their trophy with the Hatch Cup Team



Our favourite supporter of the season!



The NHS Turf replacement is well underway. Old turf all gone now; the shock pad glued in place and the new carpet is here ready for installation in January.



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2010 Season - Evaluation

32 Clubs and Schools took time out to complete the online survey at the end of the season. We will send a full report to all in the New Year, however thought it a good time to share some of the feedback received now:

The recipients ranked the **Association's Strategic Outcomes** in order of priority as:

1. Accessible and Vibrant Competitions (a clear winner)
2. Facilities meeting the sporting and social needs of our community (a comfortable second place)
3. **Aspirational High performance (fairly similar response rate with '4')**
4. Progressive, broad-based and trusted leadership
5. Commercially viable - a clear 5th place in the rankings - well below all others for the majority

Communication tools used were rated and the feedback indicates we are mostly getting it right - with Emails and the website getting positive feedback and the Newsletter seen as good. NB we asked for feedback about the very newly introduced Facebook Page. This logically received a poor rating for two main reasons - clubs and schools **hadn't necessarily accessed this Page and also, we aren't aiming to communicate with clubs and school contacts via Facebook** - the Page is aimed at the wider hockey community in Wellington and New Zealand.

93.8% were comfortable with the Association's governance structures such as the Board, AGMs etc (which is great to know thank you!).

More clubs/schools did not attend the Competition Review Meetings at the end of the season than did (although not by much); however the great majority did feel they were a good format and coupled with this survey, provide a structured way to feedback thoughts on the season and help plan for the next one.

64% thought the Facilities at the National Hockey Stadium were 'good' or 'very good'; 41% for Fraser and 17% for Elsdon. NB the lack of food provision or a pavillion at Elsdon strongly impacted on this score.

Fraser was the preferred venue for a new turf with 44% of the vote; 22% each for another turf at the National Hockey Stadium or another venue in Wellington City with Upper Hutt receiving 12% of the vote.

87.5% of respondents thought that overall the **2010 season was 'good' or 'very good'**. None thought it 'poor' (thankfully).

Thanks so much to those that did provide some feedback - it was much appreciated and will inform our work for 2011 and beyond. We will also discuss some of these results at the 2011 AGM on 16 March. See you there!

44% of respondents said that Fraser Park was their preferred option for a new turf